

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 201  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Tourism and International Affairs, to which  
was referred S.C.R. No. 201 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO  
APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER STATE RELATIONSHIP  
BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE PREFECTURE OF HOKKAIDO,  
JAPAN, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Governor to approve the establishment of a sister state  
relationship between Hawaii and the Prefecture of Hokkaido, Japan.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this  
measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and  
Tourism.

Your Committee finds that Hokkaido, Japan, is Japan's largest  
and northernmost prefecture and an important generator of tourism  
to Hawaii, as well as an attractive destination for travelers from  
Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that a relationship between  
Hawaii and Hokkaido will be highly beneficial in expanding  
tourism, strengthening cultural bonds, and advancing common goals  
of international peace and brotherhood.

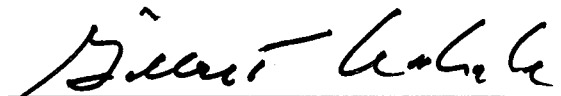
Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Deleting language requesting the Governor to approve the establishment of a sister state relationship;
- (2) Inserting language requesting that the Hawaii Sister-State Committee evaluate and develop recommendations for the initiation of a sister-state relationship with the Prefecture of Hokkaido, Japan, and forward its recommendation to the Legislature, pursuant to section 229-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (3) Amending the title to reflect the amended purpose; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism and International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 201, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 201, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Tourism and  
International Affairs,



GILBERT KAHELE, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KAHELE, Gilbert (C)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.				/
SLOM, Sam				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>3</i>			<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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